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Applicants: Hisashi Ohtsuka et al. Art Unit: 2828
Application Serial No.: 09/552,540 Examiner: Armando Rodriguez
Filing Date: April 19, 2000
Title: SOLID-STATE LASER APPARATUS EXCITED BY LASER LIGHT FROM SEMICONDUCTOR UNIT HAVING INCREASED RESONATOR LENGTH

November 21, 2003

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO MAY 22, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed on May 22, 2003 (the "Office Action"). The period for filing a response to the Office Action has been extended from August 22, 2003 to and including November 22, 2003, by a Petition for a three months extension of time filed concurrently herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thus, this amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

There are no amendments to the Claims in this Response, which is reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix including Fig. 1 Replacement Sheet and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes is attached following page 19 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the resonator 51 has been added in a semiconductor laser unit 11, and its length has been denoted by "L."

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes